

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Tony Baker

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For: Methods and Reagents for Preservation of DNA in Bodily Fluid

Attorney Docket No.: STI-001

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Examiner: J. Souaya



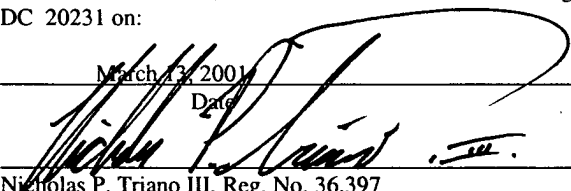
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REQUEST FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

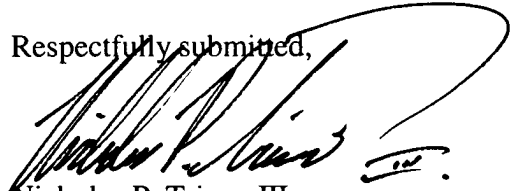
Dear Sir:

Applicants request a three month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Final Office Action dated September 13, 2000. In lieu of a response, Applicant is filing a Continuation Application today.

Enclosed is a check which covers the appropriate fee of \$445.00 based on small entity status. Please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

<p><u>Certificate of First Class Mailing (37 CFR 1.8(a))</u></p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on:</p> <p>March 13, 2001 Date</p> <p> Nicholas P. Triano III, Reg. No. 36,397</p>
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